



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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To: Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee

From: Rick Shults, Administrator of Mental Health and Disability Services

**RE: Capital Project Requests**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) operates nine facilities in various locations across the state. These facilities serve Iowans with some of the most challenging and complex needs in the state. It is important these facilities have quality buildings and plants to adequately serve these vulnerable persons.

The attached Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan provides DHS' request for funding to achieve that goal. A brief summary of the most important of these requests include:

• Complete a site and program evaluation of all DHS facilities over three years to determine the most effective plan to address various program needs.	\$2,000,000
• Develop a facility master plan for the Toledo Iowa Juvenile Home to determine the most effective plan to address program needs.	\$ 825,000
• Review the Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders' facilities on the Cherokee campus to determine the most effective plan to address program needs including the transition program.	\$ 250,000
• Replace the dietary building at the Toledo Iowa Juvenile Home (three years to complete).	\$6,600,000
• Construct a new 30-bed girl's living unit at the Toledo Iowa Juvenile Home (three years to complete.)	\$8,800,000

Thank you for your consideration of these critical capital needs for DHS facilities that serve Iowans with severe disabilities.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sally Titus – DHS  
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Enclosures: Five year plan